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SUBJECT: ROBERT MAZEYRAC, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MALI

1. ROBERT MAZEYRAC, A 50 YEAR-OLD CAREER "AFRICANIST," HAS BEEN NAMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MALI REPLACING LOUIS DALLIER, AMBASSADOR IN BAMAKO SINCE 1968. MAZEYRAC, A VETERAN OF THE COLONIAL CIVIL SERVICE, ENTERED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1958. HE WAS FIRST ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (1958-1960), AFTER WHICH HE RETURNED TO THE MOROCCAN AND TUNISIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN THE QUAI (1960-1962). HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN LOME (1962-1964), IN THE PERSONNEL BUREAU OF THE QUAI (1964-1966), IN PHNOM-PENH (1966-1970) AND ADDIS ABABA (1970-1972). MAZEYRAC WAS BRIEFLY IN 1972 AN ADVISOR TO YVON BOURGES, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION (NAMED JANUARY 31, 1975 AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE). HE THEN BECAME AN ADVISOR TO JACQUES FOCCART, SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE FRENCH COMMUNITY AND AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS, UNTIL FOCCART'S SEMI-AUTONOMOUS SECRETARIET WAS DISSOLVED AFTER PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S DEATH IN 1974. SINCE THEN, MAZEYRAC HAS BEEN ADVISOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS TO SERGE BOIDEVAIX, PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC'S COUNSELOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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